

54TH REGULAR SESSION

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—OATH  
OF OFFICE

H. J. R. No. 46

Proposing an Amendment to Article XVI, Section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, changing the form of the Oath of Office to include appointive officers of the State.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Section 1 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to hereafter read as follows:

"Section 1. Members of the Legislature, and all other elected officers, before they enter upon the duties of their offices, shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:

"I, ———, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of ——— of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm), that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God."

The Secretary of State, and all other appointed officers, before they enter upon the duties of their offices, shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:

"I, ———, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of ——— of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm), that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward to secure my appointment or the confirmation thereof. So help me God."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1956, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment providing the form of the Oaths of Office for elective and appointive officers of the State."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment providing the form of the Oaths of Office for elective and appointive officers of the State."

Sec. 3. The Governor of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election and this Amendment shall be published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Adopted by the House, April 28, 1955: Yeas 132, Nays 1; passed by the Senate, May 11, 1955: Yeas 28, Nays 0.

Approved May 31, 1955.

To be voted at election to be held Nov. 6, 1956.